



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 206**

February Session, 2016

Substitute Senate Bill No. 194

*Senate, March 24, 2016*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. LEONE of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM REPORTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of subsection (j) of section 21a-254 of the  
2 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (4) On and after July 1, 2016, each pharmacy, nonresident pharmacy,  
5 as defined in section 20-627, outpatient pharmacy in a hospital or  
6 institution, and dispenser shall report to the commissioner by  
7 electronic means, in a format approved by the commissioner, the  
8 following information for all controlled substance prescriptions  
9 dispensed by such pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy immediately  
10 upon, but in no event [more] later than [twenty-four hours] the next  
11 day after, dispensing such prescriptions: (A) Dispenser identification  
12 number; (B) the date the prescription for the controlled substance was  
13 filled; (C) the prescription number; (D) whether the prescription for the  
14 controlled substance is new or a refill; (E) the national drug code

15 number for the drug dispensed; (F) the amount of the controlled  
16 substance dispensed and the number of days' supply of the controlled  
17 substance; (G) a patient identification number; (H) the patient's first  
18 name, last name and street address, including postal code; (I) the date  
19 of birth of the patient; (J) the date the prescription for the controlled  
20 substance was issued by the prescribing practitioner and the  
21 prescribing practitioner's Drug Enforcement Agency's identification  
22 number; and (K) the type of payment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2016	21a-254(j)(4)
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1, the opening and closing brackets were removed before and after the comma before "dispensing", for clarity.

**GL**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as it does not alter the duties or the responsibilities of the Department of Consumer Protection with regard to the Prescription Monitoring Program.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 194*****AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM REPORTING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill extends, from 24 hours to the end of the following day, the deadline for pharmacists and other controlled substance dispensers to report certain prescription information to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) under the prescription drug monitoring program scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2016. Until then, they must report the information at least weekly. (PA 15-5 (§ 354) decreased the reporting timeframe by requiring the reporting immediately, but not later than 24 hours after dispensing the prescription.)

Under the prescription drug monitoring program, DCP collects information on controlled substance prescriptions to prevent improper or illegal drug use or improper prescribing. By law, pharmacists and dispensers must generally report information such as the dispensing date, dispenser identification and prescription numbers, and patient identifying information.

These reporting requirements apply to (1) pharmacies; (2) nonresident pharmacies (i.e., out-of-state pharmacies that send prescription drugs into the state); (3) outpatient pharmacies in hospitals or institutions; and (4) practitioners who dispense controlled substances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bill***

sSB 69, reported favorably by the Public Health and General Law

committees, exempts veterinarians from the drug prescription monitoring program when prescribing less than an eight-day supply of a controlled substance.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/11/2016)